requirement of 119.86 lakh MTs, 44.61 lakh MTs and 14.99 lakh MTs of Urea, DAP and MOP respectively, availability is expected to be about 125.56 lakh MTs, 48.92 lakh MTs and 25.49 MTs during the current Rabi 2005-06 season.

(b) With the objective of making available fertilizers at affordable rates to the farmers urea being the only controlled fertilizer is sold at statutorily notified maximum retail price (MPR), and decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, such as DAP, MOP and NPK complexes are sold at indicative MRPs. MRP of Single Super Phosphate is indicated by the respective State Governments. As the MRP/indicative MRPs are generally less the cost of the production of fertilizes, the benefit of subsidy is passed on to farmers in the form of subsidized selling prices.

(c) The Government of India is the off taker for about 16.52 lakh MTs urea per annum for fifteen years from the Oman India Fertilizer Company's (OMIFCO) project which is a join venture fertilizer project in Sur, Oman Promoted by IFFCO and KRIBHCO from the Indian side the Oman Oil Company from the Omani side. In addition, further imports are being made on Government account in case of demand and supply gap. During Rabi 2005-2006, about 7.31 lakh MTs of urea has been imported apart from the urea coming from OMIFCO Project.

Overcharging by Pharma Company

591. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Sun Pharmaceutical are selling their products at prices which are more than the prices fixed by NPPA;

(b) what are the details thereof and the amount of money overcharged by the company till date; and

(c) what action are being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) It was brought to the notice of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in 2001 about overcharging in respect of Zeptol 200 mg based on the bulk drug Carbamazepine manufactured and marketed by M/s. Sun

Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. Hence, the company was directed to deposit the overcharged amount of Rs.4.70 lakhs during the period the said formulation was sold at a price higher than the notified price, and interest thereon of Rs.3.11 lakhs in September 2001. The Company deposited the said overcharged amount together with interest thereon of Rs.7.81 lakhs (Rs. 4.70 lakhs+Rs.3.11 lakhs) in September itself.

Recovery of urea scam money

†592. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Fertilizers Limited had to recover 246.47 crore rupees involved in the scam related to the purchase of urea from Karsan Limited, Turkey;

(b) if not, the exact figure of the amount;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only 1.02 crore rupees have been recovered till now in this regard; and

(d) if so, the exact figure of the amount recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Fertilizers Limited had to recover a sum of Rs.246.47 crores from M/s. Karsan Limited, Turkey. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 1.02 crores has, so far, been recovered.

Revival of closed fertilizers units

593. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of closed or sick chemical fertilizer units in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to revive the closed/sick units;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have prepared a report for revival of these units;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.